LITHUANIA TO GET SECOND TRANCHE OF 200-MLN-DLR IMF LOAN (Knight-Ridder) -- The International Monetary Fund is to provide Lithuania with a second $30 million installment from a $200 million loan, the head of the IMF mission to the Baltic states, Adalbert Knobl, announced Tuesday. The first $30 million of the loan, to be disbursed over a 3-year period, were granted in October. (6328)

BRZEZINSKI IN LITHUANIA. Former US President Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, addressed a Polish-Lithuanian conference in Vilnius on 29 & 30 April. Brzezinski, meeting with Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas on 1 May, said that Lithuania has made great progress in reforms but much more was needed to be accepted as a member of the European Union. Brzezinski also held talks with Foreign Minister Povilas Gylys and gave a lecture at the University of Vilnius. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN LITHUANIA. Council of Europe Secretary-General Daniel Tarschys, during a brief visit to Vilnius, held talks with Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas and Seimas chairman Ceslovas Jursenas on 3 May. The main purpose of his visit was to attend the opening session of a two-day international conference on Yiddish culture, organized by the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Culture and Education. Tarschys told Jursenas he was pleased that the Lithuanian parliament ratified the European Human Rights and Basic Freedoms Convention the previous week. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

TBILISI, May 1 (Reuter) - Georgian soldiers and interior ministry troops arrested more than 200 people and confiscated piles of weapons in a weekend crackdown on crime.

A Lithuanian diplomat with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) was killed in Tbilisi early on 1 May when his car collided with an interior ministry armoured vehicle. The armored vehicle was parked at the time.